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### FROM THE STATE HOUSE

#### Anti-Dumping laws promise cleaner Jersey beaches

Representative Matthew J. Hendon sponsored a bill that would cause boat owners and ship captains who deliberately dump waste in the ocean off New Jersey to lose their vessels. The Illegal Dumping Prevention Act follows on the heels of a federal law that went into effect this month banning all sludge dumping at sea.

#### Florio okays Hudson & Union county transportation grants

Governor Florio has announced Transportation Trust Fund grants of \$122,750 for Hudson County and \$1,501,000 for Union County. The grants are part of \$30.8 million available from the Trust Fund in FY91 to counties and municipalities statewide. These funds will boost local economies not only by providing jobs but by improving local transportation systems at the same time.

#### Governor signs bill lifting lid on PAAD

Nearly 37,000 additional senior and disabled citizens will be eligible for pharmaceutical assistance under legislation signed by Governor Florio to expand the program's income eligibility cap. The Pharmaceutical Assistance to the Aged and Disabled Program (PAAD) was enacted in 1978 and currently enables 204,000 seniors and disabled citizens to buy prescriptions for only \$2. The bill (A-2905) sponsored by Assemblywoman Scerni and Assemblywoman Stephanie Bush, would expand PAAD eligibility from \$13,650 and \$15,700 for an individual and from \$18,750 to \$19,250 for married couples. The law will be retroactive to January 1, 1991 and is expected to enroll an additional 36,304 people in the PAAD program.

## NHA breaks ground for new public housing

NEWARK — The Newark Housing Authority (NHA) broke ground for construction of 100 Public Housing low-rise townhouses, beginning a 1,777 home \$7.9 million project, announced Executive Director Dr. Daniel W. Blue at a ceremony held April 25 on the corner of Bergen Street and Madison Avenue.

The construction of 80 low-income housing units, scheduled The residents also feel that

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Judge Clifford Minor swears in Dr. Daniel Blue to the Essex County College Board of Trustees as his wife, Susie, looks on.  
photo by Glen Peterson

## Ministers listen to bank's needs City National hosts breakfast for local ministers

NEWARK — While some banks are closing their doors and others are on the verge, City National Bank has decided to take its show on the road to convince the people of Newark to strengthen their ties with the bank that's always been there for them.

During a breakfast meeting with local ministers held in Newark at St. John's United Free Will Baptist Church, pastored by Bishop C. Gilmore, City National Bank President Louis Prezeau "rolled up his sleeves and got down to business."

Prezeau started by thanking the ministers on behalf of the Board of Directors and staff for their support of the bank for 17 years stating that their congregations had been instrumental in the formation of the bank by either directly investing in the bank or depositing funds in the bank.

Recognizing the role of the African-American Church as the "pillar of the community" and a "major group customer," Prezeau said the City National has always been a friend and supporter of the African-American church.

He elaborated on the fact that 30% of the bank's outstanding loans are to local churches, two of the largest loans in the bank's portfolio are to local African-American churches and the bank continues to finance the construction of African-American churches even in today's economy.

Now he said, "We need a stronger commitment from you to us. We need a commitment from you to utilize the services of the bank in order for us to continue to finance the construction of African-American churches even in today's economy."

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Newark Council President Ralph Grant presents a proclamation to City National Bank President Louis Prezeau for the bank's outstanding service to the community.

## Paterson School District: Will pending state takeover improve it?

by Freddie Robinson

PATERSON — Nowhere did a state Department of Education officially administer a local school district — by order of a state "takeover" — until it first happened in Jersey City, almost two years ago. And now in Paterson, a state takeover is once more pending. The need, the state

asserts, for such an order is to remove an "inept" administration, and Board of Education, to make a qualitative difference in a failing district over time, or at least to significantly slow down its decline.

The Paterson School District, according to a state Comprehensive Compliance Investigation (CCI), has "a history that is long and troubling. Failure in level I monitoring, failure in level II monitoring and

level III monitoring are part of the tragic record. Despite enormous efforts from the Department of Education to provide direction and support, the Paterson school district has never been certified in any system of monitoring going back to 1976." To begin to correct the numerous fiscal problems and structural deficiencies, a takeover was recommended by John Ellis, state Commissioner of Education, April

12. In a reaction to the CCI assessment and the Commissioner of Education's decision, the Board of

Education president, Elcase Evans, responded, "We have had 15 years of abuse, 15 years of lack of respect."  
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## Psychologists favor separate schools for young black males

by Terry Guess

NEWARK — In an attempt to discuss the impact of the criminal justice system upon the African-American male, the African-American Institute of Islamic Research sponsored a Semi-Formal Dinner Conference on "Crime and the African-American Male," held April 21 at the Quality Inn.

Dr. Na'im Akbar, the former president of the National Association of Black Psychologists, and Dr. Jwanza Kunjufu, the author of the series of books called "Countering the Conspiracy to Destroy Black Boys," were the principal speakers. More than 800

people attended the event. Akbar, author of "Chains and Images of Psychological Slavery," stated that providing an environment in which African-American males are given information about their capabilities is one way of redressing and correcting the problem of incarceration.

"It has been the schools' failure to appreciate the African-American needs by not providing a motivational and inspirational environment that stimulates their development."

Akbar noted that he favored separate schools for black boys by stating that these types of schools will provide an environment.  
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## Givens Chrysler Plymouth proves American dream can come true



John Givens, proprietor, prepares to cut ribbon at the Grand Opening of Givens Chrysler Plymouth in East Orange. Also on hand for the ceremony were: (l-r) Ken Menard, Service & Parts District manager, Chrysler New York Zone; Thomas D'Alesio, Essex County Executive; Ralph T. Grant, Jr., Newark Council President; Mrs. Corinne McCoy, Givens' mother-in-law; William Pascrell, Paterson Mayor and Assemblyman; Mrs. Freddie Givens, wife; Givens; Cardell Cooper, East Orange Mayor; Cecil Ward, Chrysler Corporate Headquarters, Detroit; Frank Lechlietter, Chrysler Fleet Account Executive New York Zone; and Marilu Jowick, Chrysler Corporate Representative.

photo by Calvin

EAST ORANGE — "It took me 27 years to learn the business inside and out, including 15 years of applying pressure and knocking down barriers to make this happen. During this recession period, it has been extremely difficult, but since I've been able to get a foot in the door, I hope to be

in a position where Givens can serve as a role model to others who strive to go into a major corporate enterprise and become part of the American Dream," stated John Givens, as he opened Givens Chrysler Plymouth, a minority-owned and operated full service automobile showroom in East Orange. He continues, "In addition to becoming a reliable and accessible sales and service center for the residents of our target communities, I feel an obligation to help motivate other potential minority entrepreneurs, so that the overall economic/business picture can improve for us."

Givens' grand opening on April 19 and 20 included a host of dignitaries, a community carnival and live radio broadcast.

Givens says that bank financing is not given to automobile dealerships, so therefore he had to "come up with his own cash to combine with limited loan financing, provided through the manufacturer's minority program."

"My philosophy pure customer satisfaction first," he states.

"We are a 'sales and service' organization. We want to start out the right way by giving customers a feeling that they have a friend at Givens Chrysler Plymouth. I intend in all personnel a sense of pride and responsibility at the same time. We want to establish a lasting friendly relationship with our customers... one that says trust, confidence, quality and reliability... these are our trademarks."

As a minority owned interest, Givens knows he can take little for granted. "The statistics are said," he indicates. "Out of the thousands of dealerships that open on an annual basis, only a mere one or two may be African American owned. It is not an easy accomplishment to get through the myriad of financing and other qualifying requirements, especially as a minority. But with perseverance, careful business planning, good professional assistance and company support, it can be done..." Givens Chrysler Plymouth is an example.

## Plainfield holds public hearing on state mandated budget

Denise M. Germain

PLAINFIELD — On Monday evening, April 22, the Plainfield City Council held a public hearing on the city's 6-month transitional budget, but only two residents stated their opinions at the session.

The residents' basic statement was that the public really doesn't

understand what passing the budget will mean to them, how will it affect their way of life, more explanation is needed to provide a much clearer picture to the citizenry. Also they stated that the cost cutting should start now, the city will have to start doing things with less.

Council president Elizabeth Urquhart said that the council was  
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## Lack of youth facilities still Plainfield residents' major complaint

by Denise M. Germain

PLAINFIELD — The Human Relations Commission held the final public hearing on police/community relations, last Thursday evening at the Plainfield High School cafeteria.

Chairman Dan Morgan and his commission met this week to compile all of the information received at all three sessions into a report of recommendations for the mayor and his administration. Morgan said that the tran-

scripts for the first meeting alone were at least 125 pages long. The process of creating the report is very time consuming because of the size of the transcript and to try to identify the most important points the community had to make. The commission set a loose time frame of a week and a half (first week of May) to have the report complete.

Throughout the proceedings there were three issues that were discussed in each session, the lack of recreational facilities for the  
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## CITY PEOPLE



Newark Mayor Sharpe James (left) receives the 1991 New Jersey Environmental Lobby (NJEL) Earth Day Award from NJEL president Fred Brown. James was honored for his leadership of Newark's environmental agenda over the past five years.



THE ART OF ROMARE BEARDEN—George L. Knox, vice president, public affairs, Philip Morris Companies Inc. (center), congratulates Khatasha Holman Conwill, director of the Studio Museum (left), on the opening of the museum's exhibition, "Memory and Metaphor: the Art of Romare Bearden, 1907-1987." Dr. Mary Schmidt Campbell, New York City commissioner of cultural affairs and authority on Romare Bearden, joins in the congratulations. The exhibition, which is sponsored by Philip Morris Companies Inc., features 146 works representing Bearden's art and evolution in watercolors, oils, and collages. The exhibition will be on view at The Studio Museum in Harlem through August 11. The exhibition, and its five city national tour are sponsored by Philip Morris Companies Inc.

## Pending state takeover of Paterson schools

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sources and now they have backed us up against a wall," Evans later said. "A state takeover does not mean better education," Evans has been a trustee six years.

But community activist and parent Martha Bolds remarked, "Despite the issue of insufficient budgets, officials and educators must still be held accountable for our children's inadequate education over the years."

And a parent with school-age children seemed to echo Bolds. "Excuses now are no excuse for the school system hiring and keeping on the payroll so many incompetent teachers," Flossie Tremble said.

Now a fight is looming over turf and interpretation. However, before the state does take over an administration of a district, the Commissioner of Education issues a procedural show cause order to district officials. A show cause order is in effect an ultimatum; it

simply states, why shouldn't a system that fails to provide a "thorough and efficient" education for its students be taken over and with all deliberate speed?

School Superintendent Frank Napier, who has held the office since 1976, and the Board of Education (BOE) have until April 26 to respond to the show cause order. At a BOE meeting April 18 (at what could be the trustees' last), a majority of trustees voted for a response to the show cause order.

"I feel this board has an obligation to respond to this report, said trustee Elaine Harrington. Two trustees of the seven present did not support the resolution to respond — James Baines and Juan Santana Jr. expressed their feelings that the district ought to resign to the pending takeover and cooperate with the state.

From the African American and Hispanic residents, largely consisting of the more than 22,000 students, as yet there's no apparent

ground swell of support for a takeover nor against it. At a hastily called public meeting held at the local NAACP office April 20, few residents responded. "Of such a critical and historic issue the small amount of people here is disappointing," commented one there who spoke under condition of anonymity. Another unidentified person, speaking low, wondered can a takeover do any worse than the people there now.

Known supporters of the embattled superintendent and the BOE have so far been quiet, choosing not to respond to a reporter's inquiries. Recently Napier has made allegations of racism and political interference that's motivating the state action.

Paterson Mayor William J. Pascrell Jr. and also Gov. James J. Florio have now given unequivocal support to the state taking control. "I fully and strongly support the

takeover. A year that a child loses because of legal wrangling is a year they will never get back," said Florio.

To more than a few "undecideds," it appears that an understanding of such a momentous issue is perhaps like somebody unlearned attempting a reading of tea leaves. Everyone is in agreement that some radical and corrective changes, long overdue, must be implemented in the system. But the increasingly heated tone over delivery agencies apparently cloud the most important element — Paterson's schoolchildren.

In his comments at the April 20 meeting, Khalil Tayari, who serves on the advisory board that oversees the Jersey City school system, advised: "The state is coming, people; so it's best you use your energy proactively, not reactively. Instead prepare to present some demands particularly in the area curriculum. And in the area of instruction. You must do that."

## Noted psychologists discuss state of African Americans

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ment in which black boys will be the primary focus.

"I believe that in any scientific environment, one of the ways to correct the problem is to isolate the most contaminated sector and begin to address the problems of that specific sector."

The psychologists also noted that the leadership of such an institution should be very informed. Males being raised in women centered homes have become a major concern. The lack of a masculine figure as a positive role model in the home has been attributed to the decline of male role models in the community.

"I don't think there is anything explicitly destructive about a woman centered household. A woman centered household with no masculine support anywhere else causes a problem," said Akbar.

The development of surrogate support institutions such as fraternal organizations, the NAACP, Urban League, 100 Black Men and other men's groups should take the role as mentors or big brothers and provide alternative support, according to Akbar.

"There continues to be so much more ambiguity in what it means to be an effective black man in this society simply because the successful black men are obscure, hidden away in corporate America, universities and white neighborhoods," said Akbar. "You never see them in an active and effective role."

Akbar stated he believes all successful African-American men have the responsibility to engage themselves in one to one interaction with the young black men.

"Black communities should hold those African Americans who do not represent the very best of models for black people accountable for their actions," he added.

"I'm not asking for perfection, I'm arguing for responsibility, he said. "To do the best you can with who you are."

Kunjufu, like Akbar, stressed self-awareness and favors separate schools for black boys, an idea being examined in New York and other cities.

When African-American youths are taught their culture, they no longer turn on each other but to each other. He also be at-

tributed this to crime. "Teaching our youths how to read and making sure they graduate can reduce their chances of being imprisoned."

In reference to all black male schools being criticized of segregation, Kunjufu stated in major cities in which the black population is high, the classes are already segregated.

"In a situation that already exists, let us come in and design a black male, only to teach black male students, which would require mandatory in-service training for teachers on black male learning styles."

This will be the first generation of African-American youth not to exceed its parents in academic achievement, according to Kunjufu.

"We have given our children things and not given them time," said Kunjufu. "Parents are not going to win against the game of peer pressure and the media if they don't spend time with their children."

Kunjufu stated low self-esteem as the major problem of African-

American youths. He associated low self-esteem with the drug problem. "You don't-use or deal drugs. You just feel about yourself," he added.

In an effort to build self-esteem, Kunjufu suggested self-awareness, knowing African and African-American history, and interacting with positive role models.

The educator sided teaching boys how to be responsible as the ultimate solution to the problem.

"A boy will never be a man until he puts God in his life, studies his history and breaks the chord with his mother," he added. Claiming that to often mothers raise their daughters and love their sons.

The purpose of the event was not only to discuss the condition of young black men but to initiate more conferences that will get people directly involved, according to Zaid Abdullah, executive director of the Institute.

"The product resulting from this conference, will be to develop a special workshop task-force as a practical approach to the problem, added Abdullah.

## Coping

by

Dr. Charles W. Faulkner

## Brainwashed by Astrology

Dear Dr. Faulkner:

Many of my friends believe in astrology and, even, fortune telling. I don't see anything wrong with it. Do you?

Mr. P.

Indianapolis, IND

Astrology, fortune telling and other similar phenomena are O.K. if the believer realizes that they are similar to fairy tales and should have no influence on their behavior. The problem, of course, is that people who believe in them tend to give these phenomena some control over their lives. Some people argue that they read the daily astrological information in their newspapers, but do not use it as the basis for the decisions that they make.

If you say that you believe in something, by definition, you are saying that it influences your thinking. Anything that influences your thinking, necessarily influences your behavior. A person who regularly reads the astrological information in the newspapers is influenced, to some degree, by the unscientific forecasts.

Practically everyone has heard about Santa Claus, but no informed person actually believes in his existence, even though you see Santa Claus in department stores every Christmas. Young children believe Santa Claus to be a real person. They were not born with the idea, but were brainwashed with it by adults who should know better.

The key word here, again, is belief. Many adults believe in phenomena that have no more valid scientific support than does Santa Claus. Adults were brainwashed by their parents too when they were children. (Now as adults, parents depend on these myths to provide them with influence in their lives. Many of the myths have become the "Parents" of believers. This relegates the

believers to the status of "children."

The negative feature of myths is that they stop the adult from growing up by making him/her rely on instruments other than their own brains for solutions to problems and for information about how to live. In some instances, a trickster can open an office and profess to have the mystical ability to see into the future and influence world events. This impostor might have thousands of troubled people coming to the office and paying huge sums of money for advice. These innocent victims have been misguided and, in turn, will misguide their children.

There are Many "Santa Clauses" in our lives. Here are a few: Astrology, extrasensory perception (ESP), mind-reading, palmistry, Eastern, Heaven/Hell (religious myths), superstition, visions from outer space, your own "inferiority," most of the Bible (Biblical scholars, after five years of intense research, have stated that Christ made only 20% of the statements attributed to him in the Bible. The remainder were created by others). Most of what you believe in is strictly mythological, with little or no scientific support. It is little more than fairy tales.

Here is what you can do to determine if what you believe in is myth or fact: 1) Find out what the scientific community thinks about your ideas, 2) Obtain copies (free, from the library) of scientific tests that support or refute your ideas, 3) Find out why you really believe these ideas to be true (do you have a psychological need to accept them?), 4) Find out if your friends who believe these ideas to be true have strong scientific data that supports them, or simply have a strong emotional need to accept them.

## Community Calendar

WEDNESDAY, MAY 1

UNION-Adult Advisory Services' free workshops at 10 a.m. for adults considering entering or re-entering college at Kean College. For information call 201-527-2210.

SATURDAY, MAY 4

SOUTH ORANGE-Saton Hall University will offer Saturday seminars, beginning May 4 to certified public accountants working to acquire the accounting professional education (CPE) credits necessary to renew their New Jersey licenses. The CPE credits must be completed by June 30. For more information order brochure call University College (201) 761-9783.

WAYNE-Authur of "Learning Through Play" keynote speaker at WPC's 17th symposium on the young child. Student Center Ball Room 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. William Paterson College. For information call 201-595-2436.

TUESDAY, MAY 7

WESTFIELD-Franklin Mills shopping tour bus trip to Philadelphia, PA from 8:00-5:30 p.m. \$20.00 per person. For more information call 908-654-9854.

THURSDAY, MAY 9

JERSEY CITY-"Mystery Matter" workshop is co-sponsored by the Center for the Advancement of Teaching and Learning and Liberty Science Center. This is part of a ten-part series of science workshops for elementary and middle school educators from 4 to 6 p.m. in Hapburn Hall. Information call 201-547-3094.

SATURDAY, MAY 11

UNION-The Union County Board of Freeholders will hold a Blue Ridge and Safety Clinic for people with disabilities from 10:20-2:30 p.m. in Monahan Park, Cranford. For more info call 427-4930.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 15

UNION-Adult Advisory Services' free workshops at 5 p.m. for adults considering entering or re-entering college at Kean College. For information call 201-527-2210.

FRIDAY, MAY 17

MOUNTAINSIDE-The Union County 200 Club Spring Vendors Luncheon at 12 Noon, L'Airline Restaurant. \$40 per person. Guest speaker, Dr. Brown, President, Union County College. For more info call 908-352-0900.

SATURDAY, MAY 18

ENGELWOOD-Trip to Black Doll Convention in Philadelphia, PA. Sponsored by the African American Doll Club (A.A.D.C.). For information call 201-568-4709.

SUNDAY, MAY 19

MOUNTAINSIDE-Master Gardeners of Union County annual "Spring Garden Fair and Plant Sale" from 1-5 p.m. at Trailside and Science Center, Oakley Avenue and New Providence Road. Admission free. For more info call 654-9654.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 22

NEWARK-Public Education Setting sponsored by the Newark Board of Education W.Y.A. NJ. For more information call 201-568-4709.

THURSDAY, MAY 23

NEW BRUNSWICK-Free Senior Citizens Law Day Conference sponsored by the New Jersey State Bar Association from 10 a.m.-1:00 p.m. at the New Jersey Law Center. For more information contact Sheila Boro (908) 249-5000 ext. 208.

SUNDAY, JUNE 2

WASHINGTON, D.C.-The second annual Western States Bar Association Conference will be held until the 4th at the Metro Center Holiday Inn-Croome Plaza. For more information, contact the Office of Women's Programs, Stevens Institute of Technology at 201-420-5245.

TUESDAY, JUNE 4

NEW BRUNSWICK-The New Jersey State Bar Foundation will sponsor a free seminar on "Divorce Law" at the N.J. Law Center, One Constitution Square (off Ryer's Lane), in New Brunswick from 7-9 p.m.

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## Sickle cell patients needed for eye research

NEWARK — Sickle cell anemia patients are needed by the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey for a study of retinopathy, an eye condition that causes blindness.

Participants, who must be 18 or older, will receive a free, 90-minute examination. Pregnant women are not candidates. Retinopathy is a disorder

common to sickle cell patients that can lead to blindness. The study is aimed at finding early warning signs of the disease.

For more information, call (201) 456-6230 between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m.  
(Note: Dr. Monique Roy, who is conducting the research, is available for actualities. If you are interested, please call Tom Slater at (201) 456-7276.)

## Newark marks 325th with mural unveiling

NEWARK—Newark, the nation's oldest major city, marked the opening of festivities celebrating its 325th birthday with the unveiling of a mural depicting the City's history.

The artwork, which was painted by students from the Newark School of Fine and Industrial Art, under the supervision of renowned muralist and teacher, Don Miller, was revealed during ceremonies in the Rotunda of City Hall. The mural highlights Newark's history by focusing on portraits of six personalities: Seth Boyden, inventor and manufacturer; William Wright, first mayor; Theodore Frelinghuysen, senator and abolitionist; James Baxter, educator; John Cotton Dana, library and museum founder; and Marion Thompson Wright, historian.

The Mayor said the mural, which illustrates the City's history through landscapes and portraits of famous Newarkers, "is an appropriate way to kick off our 325th anniversary."

Miller noted the completion of the mural in the year when Newark is celebrating its 325th birthday is "a happy coincidence."

He said his students, whose ages range from 20 to 52, and he "were unaware of the historical significance to Newark of the year 1991."

"The painting of this mural provided eight students—all with different artistic interests—an opportunity to combine their talents to produce a unified work while

## Plainfield public hearings

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"I dealt a deck of cards and they were already numbered." Councilwoman Helen Miller said that if the budget is passed as is the public will have to pay somewhere "down the road." Councilman Malcolm Dunn also stated a similar opinion. "I don't want my grandchildren to have to pay bond debts for the transition" and Councilman Jon Brumnick stated that the state is "basically planting a time bomb in the urban centers." Later the city might "blow up financially, but the administration (state) will get another term."

State officials told the city to establish a 6-month budget to parallel the state fiscal year and to use the budget on costs and revenues from the first six months of the past year, and to use transition bonds to make up any gap.

The city anticipated revenue of \$10.5 million, which would leave it unapproved (the local finance bond must give the okay) \$17.5 million to be bonded. Several special items were included in the budget such as \$2 million for city-wide cleanup, \$950,000 for capital improvements, \$700,000 in insurance reserves, plus others totalling an additional \$1.29 million. Bonding is offered on a one-time basis to spread costs over several years (similar to the way a credit card works, but like a credit card you get hit with the interest later, and the city would feel the pinch later, maybe a year or two down the road).

If the city takes too long to modify or adopts the plan, the state will come in to set a tax rate and place their own budget in place.

The council members grumbled the city administration officials that were present (city administrator and head of most city departments about insurance matters and why the 6-month budget was more than 1/2 the entire 1990 budget of \$33.2 million.

On the horizon looms a second budget process that the city must undergo for the new fiscal year of 1991-92, but because of the timing that coincides with the state the city will know how much state aid to include.

## Apartheid musn't be permitted to shirk its responsibility!

by Daniel Marohn

Although apartheid has been in existence in South Africa since 1652, 338 years ago, very few people can recognize it. The gimmicks, deceptions and propaganda of apartheid's originators, perpetrators and propagandists continually perplex, dupe and confuse its opponents in many wily ways. Hence, in today's political involvements with change, South Africa's ruling Afrikaner clique is at the crest of the wave of its prosperity. The Afrikaners, at the height of the success of their apartheid, today dominate mankind's thinking of the country's race problem.

Apartheid is at its pinnacle, and its opponents are in utter confusion, divided and set against each other. As a result, instead of joining hands to tackle and demolish apartheid, they now fault each other, and to blame the victims of apartheid instead of apartheid itself.

Everywhere I go, I meet pundits who confront me with the insidious, like, "See! How can we help your people when they kill each other? How can we help in such a situation?" These wari-

cracks are anti-apartheidists and should be wise enough to know that what is happening in South Africa is the manifestation of the workings of apartheid. They should realize apartheid's true visage and its methodology. It is a system that "divides and rules." But ignorance of this fact blinds the pundits who only see and find fault with the victims of apartheid, whom they blame for the current wave of violence in the country. These pundits blame ANC or INKATHA for the killing of thousands of Blacks since 1986. They call the game a "black-on-black fighting." They are blind not to see it as an "apartheid-on-black" genocide, which it is.

Today, the pundits the victims of apartheid for the so-called "black-on-black" faction, fight in apartheid's "hostels" and "townships." But all anti-apartheidists should know that the apartheid struggle against apartheid has failed to end apartheid. They all should not wash their hands and exonerate themselves from blame, saying, "How can we help? There's the rub! Anti-apartheidists shouldn't fool themselves by letting the Boer culprits to go scot-free from

blame from the violence and anarchy in South Africa. Letting the apartheid regime to go scot-free from blame is what perpetuates the evil of apartheid. Thus, the apartheid struggle at U.N. and other global forums has come to a cul de sac.

The race problem in South Africa should not be solved this way. It must be tackled frontally—and demolished! The apartheid regime must be held to blame for the crimes of apartheid. Apartheid is a major travesty of human and citizenship rights of the deprived Africans. It must be demolished presto!

It became a most disastrous and dehumanizing constitution that totally stripped 28 million Africans of their citizenship! And, the much-vaunted "reforms" by President F.W. de Klerk are even worse! De Klerk's freeing of Mandela into the caldron of the raging flames of apartheid is far from being a reform! Mandela is still not free. He has only been moved from a frying pan into the flames of apartheid.

What freedom has Mandela as a South African citizen? Can he vote? Has he a party in parliament? Can he stand for an elected

position in government? What freedom has he? And de Klerk's promised negotiations, how far have they gone? Another cul de sac. Worst, leaving the inmates of apartheid's "hostels" and "townships" ... to hack each other to death! Is that responsible maintenance of law and order? The Afrikaners have failed to rule South Africa!

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## EDITORIAL

The ballots have been cast and once again it's business as usual for most boards of education. The same system that has failed so many students, particularly black and Hispanic, will continue its modus operandi—miseducating yet another generation of urban America's doomed talent.

Yes, there are examples of success in the student population. It is amazing how students have achieved in spite of the system. There are exceptional administrators and teachers in the system who, in spite of their peers, continue to challenge and motivate young minds to reach and grow.

Yet, collectively, there is no adult group in the schools who collectively are advocates for achievement for boys and girls in public schools.

Even more alarming is the fact that no one seems accountable for achievement in public schools. Who is accountable for the education of children in public schools? If a football coach loses repeatedly, it is clear you need a new coach to turn things around. I have yet to hear the public say, "That team is losing; the lack of parent involvement is the reason. Get more parents involved and they will win."

Yet when it comes to who is accountable for creating public school environments to foster achievement, too many administrators and teachers are allowed to point to low parent involvement as the excuse.

The public must ask, "Who is accountable for the lack of achievement in any particular school system?" Certainly, few administrators or teachers in public schools would say, "If my children don't achieve, hold me accountable."

Too often increasing achievement is tied to more money for higher salaries, better buildings, new books, more computers and a host of other excuses necessary to obscure the fact that increasing student achievement is not part of the overall plan.

The public, too often, is lead to believe, that everything will happen with tenure. That is, the anointing of tenure will guarantee your child's success. Maybe it is time we ask teachers to relinquish their right to tenure or withdraw two years of tenure for each year in any classroom where a tenured teacher does not demonstrate how they have created the design and implemented a plan to create achievement and gotten results from a given percentage of children in every class.

Maybe such a plan is too ridiculous for our responsible educators to put forth, especially in public schools where no one really seems to be accountable for the achievement of primarily black and Hispanic youngsters. But maybe now that what once was ridiculous makes more sense.

by Connie Woodruff

The redistricting mandated by the results of the 1990 census, set at least three sure-winner Democrats into early (political) retirement because their districts appear to be tilted in favor of a Republican victory come November.

Carmen Orteschi of Nutley has been a senator from Essex County for as long as I can remember. Richard Van Wagner was a crusading member of the teachers union when he entered Monmouth County politics as an Assemblyman and then as a State Senator. And John Russo was a consistent winner in Essex County of sometimes heavier than usual GOP artillery aimed at his senate seat. He must have gotten the message that Dems as well as Republicans were upset with so many of his family members on the public side that there was a serious plan afoot to oust Big Daddy and perhaps work on the family later.

Whatever else is happening throughout the state, the optimism and hope that would be elected officials in Essex County has not diminished one bit.

Matter of fact, the Primary and General elections will see some former office holders campaigning harder than ever since they know, fate may smile on them.

Former Assemblyman William Barry-Garvin is one of the new old faces in the June primary election. She's running against veteran lawmaker Senator Richard Cody for the senate seat at the 27th district. It's a long shot because Cody is a long-time incumbent and has a strong political machine. But she's a new district with a heavy con-

centration of blacks who are familiar with Barry-Garvin.

A former Montclair councilwoman, Bobbie Reilly will be running with Garvin for one of the two assembly seats up for grabs. Their other assembly running mate is Florence Johnson a former Essex Orange councilwoman.

The slate's anchor person is Newark councilman Ralph T. Grant, Jr., candidate for Sheriff.

Cody and incumbent Assemblyman Stephanie Bush with Orange Mayor Robert Brown have already been named the party of the year and the party's familiar "Line A" and no doubt about it, it will be hard to beat the team that includes Armando Fontana, acting sheriff who wants to become the real thing next November.

Two other candidates in the 27th make interesting political watching. They include West Orange mayor Sam Spina who wants to add "Assemblyman" to his many titles and Alice Barnett who lives in Montclair but is better known in Newark and elsewhere in Essex County. Barnett has been a familiar figure in the campaigns of many people through the years and is a member of a think tank of younger black political activists.

In the 29th district neither Assemblyman Willie Brown or Jackie Mattison are expected to have any real primary opposition. Both have already captured the coveted "Line A" and can be assured of getting every ounce of effort out of the county committee people who will be working the polls on election day. Many are trying to get themselves re-elected to office.

However, whoever wins will be sure of a stiff challenge in November when former Essex freetholder Delores Baltis emerges as an "independent" assembly candidate.

## As I See It...

Battle really believes voters in the 29th district are sophisticated enough to vote "off the Line A" if they really want a change and consider herself both: change and choice. That ought to add a little spice to the general election and give politics in Newark a new dimension.

The primary will be relatively safe for incumbents like Senator Wyonna Lipman and Ronald Rice; and Assemblymen Joe Charles (Hudson) and Wayne Benson (Camden) because they have no challengers. If things remain status quo, none of them will have to worry about November either unless their supporters decide to sit out this election day and that's all ways a concern for the people who like to win and win BIG.

Democrats aren't rushing to change parties in big numbers but among us are a few and that includes Willard's political maverick Priscilla Anderson who recently joined Essex's Louie Greenleaf in the old switcheroo.

Priscilla will be running as a Republican in the June primary, a candidate for an assembly seat in the 7th district that has a long history of electing Republicans. Presently, however, two extremely popular Democrats Thomas Fay and Barbara Kalik are the incumbent assembly representatives.

Unlike Camden, neighboring Burlington County is not noted for its support of blacks but perhaps Anderson is counting on her political popularity in Burlington County which has a strong black voting population. A lot depends on whether or not blacks here are as wedded to the Democratic Party as they are in places like Trenton, Jersey City, Camden and Paterson.

If the Public Utilities Commis-

sion moves its offices to Trenton in a proposed merger with the Dept. of Environmental Protection, the move will be a disaster for hundreds of Essex County blacks who have worked for the commission for years.

According to supporters of a merger the action will save the state millions in salaries but one wonders if demoralizing productive workers is worth the effort. To be sure jobs will not be available to people in the Trenton area because budget restraints will cause a phase-out of clerical help in particular.

This is National Secretary Week and it's always a privilege to honor the women who make successes out of so many men.

Secretaries are more than office fixtures. Who else serves coffee to the boss and his guests with a smile when they'd rather scream?

Who else can invent creative excuses for the Man and his underling? The 1991 and secretary's are still underpaid and overworked in offices from the Fortune 500 groups to the city halls of America.

Secretary's still shop for the bosses while, drive his kids to school and after school activities, keep his (or her) appointments to go and have to be the office person or people who must be on time.

Somewhat, people in charge think secretary's have committed a crime for if they get sick, ask for an extra day off, want more money and long for a little human kindness during the year rather than wait for the one week the rest of us take time to say we appreciate their loyalty, productivity and willingness to stay on the job until the job is done.

God bless secretaries. I was one.

## Who will win the ongoing battle for quality education?



by Sharon Khadijah Vincent

There is an atmosphere of gloom presiding over most urban school boards as the school election time draws near. Virtually all of the so-called "urban 30" school districts that were supposed to benefit from the Quality Education Act (QEA) have been brutally mugged, thanks to the efforts of legislators, wealthy suburban school districts, lazy local officials, and special interests lobbying groups and organizations, and apathetic citizens.

The projections for this upcoming school board elections that the budgets in most school districts will be defeated by the voters. While one would think that if school officials believed this to be a possibility, increased efforts would be mounted by these local districts to try to educate the public about the politics and maneuverings at these boards, which have resulted in the poorer school districts still receiving less, instead of more in school aid to be utilized in improving the public schools. Sadly, this hasn't happened in most of these districts, so expectations are that further chaos will continue to reign as these districts will have to struggle with appeals and

fight the mayors and city council members at the local level around the school boards.

While some may think that this year's school board elections are going to happen, most people who are genuinely concerned about education know that it isn't happening. Depending on the competence and honesty of the politicians serving on these boards, you face the possibility of individuals making decisions about our children's futures who have no interest in education or quality at all. Their major concern is to make speeches and statements about taxes designed to win them some political favor among voters. The devastating negative impact on children when programs are cut, teachers are cut back, services are inadequate, are not taken into account.

The inequities in school funding will become greater, not less, as originally intended by the Quality Education Act in the 30 urban school districts it was supposed to help. Certainly, the Quality Education Act has become a nightmare for these districts. Those districts trying to move beyond just providing the basics, into a more enriched curriculum offering will face greater difficulties. As school officials have had to look for cuts in their

budgets, many proposed enrichment programs have had to be cut entirely. Efforts to reduce class sizes in these urban districts will also be hampered, because teachers and other support staff are receiving lower salaries and it is doubtful this objective will be achieved during the original timeline project.

At a time when our children need to receive more, they will be getting less. As we look at the bleak picture, it certainly looks like almost 37 years after the infamous Brown vs. Board of Education of Topeka case, we have a national public school system which can be argued to still be pretty much separate and unequal. In fact, the Abbott vs. Burke case in New Jersey, is an extension of that fight. While there has unquestionably been some progress, it's shameful that the progress has been slow and blocked at every turn by individuals who were elected to office to supposedly serve all of the people.

Segregated schools are still intact across this state, and nation. The fight waged by the wealthier school districts' superintendents, and politicians to preserve the original proposed QEA's funding change, has at its underlying basis the age old baggage of

racism. There are still a lot of white people who don't believe that they should have to contribute to the education of African American or Hispanic children. It seems that we are recognized as just "Americans" when it's time to fight the wars that they have started. They're willing to have us die or fight other people who are just as oppressed as we are, but unwilling to help pay for our children to receive a quality education so they can become positive and contributing adults to society.

Defendants to raise taxes to build more jails have a greater chance of being passed by the voters than proposals to build more schools or improve them. What do you say about quality education in New Jersey? When people are willing to pay more to keep individuals incarcerated in prison than going to school, you have to question the vision and priorities for the future.

The school board elections are just the middle rounds in what promises to be an all out knock down fight. Who will have standing will be determined by us. I would hate to think that people would let our kids lose by default—simply because we did not hang in there and continue to fight for their education, no matter how long it takes.

## LETTERS

Dear Editor:

I read your article about the locating of a Slavery Memorial in Newark, New Jersey, in the February 27, 1991 edition of City News. Well I hope this is a successful undertaking. I would like to know what happen to the Revolutionary War Patriots Memorial? This memorial was to honor the Black Patriots who fought in the Revolutionary War. I am enclosing a copy of the article concerning this memorial that appeared in the Daily News in 1986. Thanks for any information you might have.

Marjorie L. Burgess  
Hackensack, NJ

### Monument for blacks

WASHINGTON—President Reagan has signed a bill providing land in the nation's capital for a memorial to honor black Revolutionary War patriots who struggled for freedom for the battlefield and in the cotton field.

The foundation needs to raise \$4 million in donations to build the memorial, a spokesman said. There is no federal money.

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## Quote of the Week

We have given our children things and not given them time. Parents are not going to win against the game of peer pressure and the media if they don't spend time with their children.

Dr. Jawanza Kunjufu  
Crime and the African-American Media Conference

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### Child Watch...

by Murian Wright Edelman

(NIPAA)—A national survey of black eighth grade students reveals 68 percent look forward to science classes, and 69 percent look forward to math. But for their senior year, black 17-year-olds have math and science skills about the same as white 13-year-olds.

Even more disturbing is that 75 percent of vocational and professional jobs require algebra and geometry skills. If our children are not fully equipped with math and science skills, they will enter a highly competitive job market qualified only for low-skill work.

Communities need to mobilize and implement a plan of action because these issues are critical for our children's survival. Without math and science skills they will perform poorly on college-entrance exams, which limits their access to scholarships.

An important group has realized its responsibility and stake

in a quality education system—business. The Ford Motor Company, in particular, saw a shrinking pool of qualified engineering applicants, especially among minority and urban children. Ford went to the Academy for Educational Development (AED) for help. Certainly, the Quality Education Act has become a nightmare for these districts. Those districts trying to move beyond just providing the basics, into a more enriched curriculum offering will face greater difficulties. As school officials have had to look for cuts in their

AED developed the "Urban Schools Science and Math Project." Project Director Sandra H. Bell says the effort required support from everyone. "We need to be talking to more than school people because in this area just as to many other areas, we recognize that the schools can't do it alone and it's going to take collaborative efforts of educators, parents, business people, professionals from science and technology, as well as community service people, to come together to put together strategies that will work for our youngsters.

The project's approach is

three-fold: Target student support, information and guidance so youngsters are motivated to achieve in math and science; plan and implement a teacher training program; and assist and fund schools to improve and expand their curriculum to bridge the gap between what is taught in class and what industries need.

Elementary and Middle School Science Supervisor Juanita Chambers has seen improvement among her Detroit students. Her school district implemented a "Visiting Scientist" program allowing minority research scientists to share their research with the students. The district also developed a Detroit Area Pre-College Program that exposes youngsters to engineering and gives them a taste of studying at a university.

Scientists and industry leaders are involved. Many act as tutors and mentors, helping youngsters with science projects and answering questions, while retaining firm belief in black achieve-

ment. Building self-esteem is reinforced throughout the program.

The Detroit project involved parents as well. They attend special classes to experience and understand what their children are learning. Parents realize how important science and math education is for their children's future. "We know that all parents want their children to succeed, so what we're trying to do is to give them a mechanism for it," according to Ms. Chambers. "We think we've sensitized them to the need of mathematics and science."

A black boy today has a 1 in 4,000 chance of getting a Ph.D. in math, engineering or physics. A black girl has only a 1 in 21,000 chance. The effort in Detroit and other cities may improve these odds, but we desperately need every parent, educator, business and community leader to continue the struggle for improving our children's future.

Marian Wright Edelman is president of the Children's Defense Fund, a national voice for children.



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## CAN'T TOUCH THIS

### The Heart and Soul of Adeva

by Terry Benjamin

#### Youth Orchestra performs free concert



**NEWARK**—The Greater Newark Youth Orchestra, led by Music Director, Peter Rubert, will hold its first full orchestra concert at Symphony Hall May 5 at 4:30 p.m. Tickets are free, but must be reserved by calling 201-624-3713. Shown are Newark Residents Shakura Ismail (left) and Mali Watts rehearsing for the concert.

#### A Soap Story



**Dr. Alma Flag skimming the fat off a vat of soap.**

**NEWARK**—Returning from their spring vacation, the pupils in Mrs. Goldstein's third grade class had a treat—a soapy treat. At E. Alma Flag Elementary School they had enjoyed a lesson on soap-making before the vacation period. The demonstration was provided by Dr. E. Alma Flag who maintains a relationship with the school.

Upon return every child was given a bar of soap, and some students are planning to decorate their soap for gift purposes.

The school principal, Mrs. Mariel Lovell, an energetic educator who applauds her teachers, pupils, and parents for their interest, creativity, and cooperation was pleased that this story had a "clean" ending.



(l-r) Mrs. Carletta Goldson, Mrs. Maria Merlo, Mrs. William Saks and happy soap recipients.

#### Kids can have fun at duCret Spring Art Festival

**PLAINFIELD**—Dozens of artists will be displaying their work at the Spring Art Festival being held on Saturday, May 4th from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at duCret School of the Arts, 1030 Central Ave. in Plainfield. Admission is free.

The Festival will take place on the picturesque grounds of duCret's eight-acre estate, located in one of Plainfield's historic districts. This multi-media event will feature, not only an outdoor art show and sale, but also an exhibit of student work, demonstrations by artists, portrait, watercolor and stained glass artists. Children will have a chance to participate in an outdoor art activity, designed especially for them, and can also watch a puppet show by the Plain State Players.

Hot food will be sold, buffet-

style, provided by Adrian's Caterers of Plainfield.

Representatives from various arts organizations, including The Printmaking Council of N.J., Women's Caucus for Art, N.J. Designer Craftsman, Tweed Drawing Group and the Blackwell Street Center for the Arts will also be on hand to provide information about their organizations.

A Patron's Reception will be held at 4:30 p.m. following the Festival. For a donation of \$25.00 guests are welcome to attend a Cocktail Reception in the Main Office area of the school.

All proceeds will benefit the duCret School of the Arts Scholarship Fund.

For further information and directions to duCret School please call (908) 757-7171.

For anyone who has been hurt by love, there is someone out there who knows the source of your passion and pain. We call her Adeva (Patricia Daniels) and on her debut album, "Adeva" (Capitol Records) her lyrics illustrate the joy and pain, the highs and lows of male/female relationships. Although she is often described as "the New Jersey school teacher and gospel singer turned house queen," there is much more to Adeva than that. A native of Paterson, Adeva has taken her New Jersey sound world wide, making a name for herself in England, Germany, Italy, and France. She has yet to have the same impact in America but with an upcoming appearance in Let's Get Busy, the Cat City directed movie starring rapper Doug E. Fresh, and a new album to be released in June, Adeva may get the respect she deserves.

In the meantime songs like "Beautiful Love," "So Right," and "I Thank You" take listeners into the heart and soul of Adeva. "There's something I miss you / But words get in my way," sings Adeva, beginning a personal statement on "Beautiful Love." "I'm in love with a man who doesn't quite understand," she

**Analysts: Respect in effect**  
Live and direct that's right you bet  
Monie on a level and I am upstanding  
Show respect that's what I'm demanding  
I wash I cook I also clean for you  
Give me respect that's what you have to do

**Monie Love with Adeva Respect (A Little Bit of Love Mix)**

laments. Understanding is also important on "So Right" where Adeva sings: "You gave me joy and happiness."

Adeva's love is expanded on "Musical Freedom" where she offers peace to the world. This tribute to Martin Luther King contains a sample from his "I Have A Dream" speech over an instrumental track by Paul Simpson. Her gospel roots are in full effect on "Love To See You Dancin'," an "happy song" she sings like an anthem. "Love's Special" is also all encompassing.

But the type of dance music that Adeva developed in New Jersey



club is the music that has defined the Adeva persona—a tough black woman who doesn't take any stuff from anybody. On "Warning" Adeva raps: Look out! We were good friends But you keep messing up again and again  
This is my final warning to you I can't take it no more  
I don't want it no more  
C'mon, boy, stay away from my door.

"In 'Out Of My Life' is another warning, telling a wayward lover to stay away. 'Promises' looks beyond the sweet nothings of a false lover who promises

marriage and superstition. Of course, Adeva puts this "snake in disguise" in his place. Adeva

makes it clear she's not having any foolishness, especially on "Treat Me Right" where she sings: "You like to bite off more than you can chew/One girl is not enough/You need a few." The Adeva solution to this situation can be found on "I Don't Need You" where she sings: "There's no making up this one/I have another man on my mind."

In the final analysis, all Adeva wants is "a little respect," an appreciation that is surely forthcoming. To bring this point home, this LP contains two versions of "Respect"—a straight ahead house jam and a special remix by Dancin' Danny D. that features rapping by Monie-Love.

Adeva, the album, goes to the heart and soul of a unique talent. For those who have written this artist off as just another dance floor diva it is time to take another listen because Adeva shows more than dancing feet. Songs like "Beautiful Love" provide an emotional release while her remake of Otis Redding's "Respect" sums up much of her music and soul. In other words, Adeva demands respect as a performer, musician, and a woman.

## Physicist shares love of learning with Newark students

**NEWARK**—Chandler Dennis is a man with a mission. He wants students at the Camden Middle School in Newark to understand and enjoy mathematics and science the way he does. That's why the trained physicist left the halls of academia and research labs to work with 12 and 13 year-olds and their teachers.

Dennis is employed by Stevens Institute of Technology in Hoboken as the middle school coordinator of the Stevens Techno-Enrichment Program (STEP). In its 23-year history, STEP has worked to enrich the science and math education of minority middle school, high school and college students.

Dennis spends most of his time in the computer center and the classrooms of the school in Newark's Central Ward, using a "hands-on approach" to introduce students and teachers to computers and their capabilities.

"We're training teachers not to be intimidated by science, mathematics or computers," says Dennis. "They have a thirst for computer knowledge and we have found when we give them a greater chance to study, their skills increase and they pass that information to the students."

Dennis, who has taught at the school for the past four years, admits his task has not been an easy one. Although Camden is highly-regarded, it is located in the heart of the city's poorest neighborhood and has limited resources. Most of the teachers are generalists and had to teach science by the book.

As a black adult, Dennis realizes he is a role model to many of the children. Growing up in East Orange, his first role model inspired his love of science.

"I saw an ad in Ebony Magazine featuring a local pharmacist from Montclair and immediately decided to become a pharmacist," says Dennis. "My next ambition was to become a chemist and develop products for use in my patients' chain of beauty salons. When I was in college, I became fascinated with the space exploration program which was just coming of age and that ultimately led to my study of physics."

"His educational background includes a bachelor's degree in physics from Upsala College in East Orange and a master's degree in nuclear physics from Virginia State University. Dennis also is an amateur mathematician, performed nuclear research at the Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory, Illinois, worked as head of

the Natural Sciences Department at Fayetteville State University, North Carolina, and taught physics and math at Stockton State College, Pontiac.

After 20 years pursuing his interest in science, Dennis realized, "science was not the be all and end all for me. My attitude was that science is a tool to serve me."

While teaching physics, chemistry and biology at Fayetteville State, Dennis discovered his talent for making difficult concepts understandable.

"It was a very good experience in terms of my realization that I could contribute something to education," Dennis recalls. "His work with STEP began in 1983, teaching physics in its pre-college high school program. But the soft-spoken 43-year-old decided he wanted to work with younger students and welcomes the challenge."

"My strength in education is my ability to communicate complicated scientific concepts in simple or easy graphic pictures, to articulate concepts," says Dennis who lives in Montclair with his wife and two children. "That has been very helpful in what we're doing here at Camden and our use of non-traditional demonstrations as introductions to practical applications of math and science."

The results are evident when eighth-grader Jernat Crowder sits in front of the Apple II GS keyboard in the computer center and eagerly demonstrates for a visitor what he has learned.

As he created small circles and squares and rapidly replaced them with larger ones on the multi-colored screen, the articulate 13-year-old credited Dennis with helping him realize a dream.

"I really wanted to learn about computers and Mr. Dennis showed me basic commands, how to store information and work on a program to make machines play football," says Crowder. "We wrote stories about what we want to be when we're older. My class learned how to work as a group on certain activities and to work independently."

He likes computers so much, he has asked his mother to buy one for him as a graduation gift.

"I will use it to keep a daily journal and store programs that will help me with my homework," explains Crowder, who has applied for admission to a gifted and talented program at Essex Community College.

He is far from the only student at ease with the new tech-

nology.

The number of students has grown from two classes each of seventh and eighth graders to working with all 12 seventh- and eighth-grade classes. Initially, classes were taught by the three-member STEP staff in the first-floor computer center even though most of the 20 computers were distributed throughout the classrooms. As the teachers became proficient, Dennis determined it would be more effective to bring the computer work into the classroom lessons.

"Our goal has been not to intrude on the teachers, but to introduce this special program and integrate it into the classroom," says Dennis. "The response we have gotten from the students and their teachers proves to us that we have been successful."

Demand for time on the computers was enough to cause Dennis to start an after-school program during the spring marking period that is open to fifth and sixth graders, as well as seventh and eighth graders.

The introduction of STEP to the Camden School was an opportunity to transform theories into workable teaching methods. With those successes in hand, Dennis and other STEP officials are now actively seeking financial support from state, federal and corporate sources to expand the middle school program to other public schools in urban areas.

Seventh-grade teacher Harold McNamara says his students spend their lunch breaks and free time working on the terminals in his classroom. They drew com-

puter-generated signs supporting the troops in the Gulf and designed monthly calendars listing teachers' birthdays and school holidays. The students reaped an additional reward when they sold the calendars and signs to school personnel.

McNamara has also gained from STEP's presence at Camden. "I had absolutely no experience with computers before Dennis' arrival," says McNamara, who is now a "computer convert" and owns a computer. "I'm in love with them now and use them for lesson plans and support work for the classroom."

Dennis attributes STEP's success in reaching its initial objectives to the school administration's enthusiasm.

"The cooperation of the administration was crucial," says Dennis. "We had previously very strong and receptive teachers to be involved in STEP's first year."

The students' response has also been positive. "We had projected 80 percent of the children would enroll in science and freshman algebra in high school," says Dennis. "The information we've gotten is that we're reaching that target. We hope to see these kids sign up for STEP in the 10th grade. Our ultimate goal is for these students to continue with math and science courses throughout high school and develop an engineering, economics or math focus."

In the four years that STEP has been in place at the Camden Middle School, the program has undergone considerable change.

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#### Newark Boys Chorus joins the Harrisburg Symphony

**NEWARK**—The Newark Boys Chorus will travel to Harrisburg, PA. on May 6 for two performances with the Harrisburg Symphony.

The boys will perform with the symphony in presenting the Mahler Symphony No. 3. Performances will be held on May 7 and 8 in the Forum Theatre, Harrisburg, PA.

While in Pennsylvania the boys will stay at Hershey school. This renowned boarding school was founded and endowed by Milton Hershey of Hershey Chocolate fame.

The forty-two member chorus recently returned from a ten day tour of southern colleges and universities and in April premiered new works of music at Manhattanville College in Purchase, N.Y.

If you would like more information about the chorus or know a young man who would like to audition please call 621-8900.

## RELIGIOUS CALENDAR

FRIDAY, MAY 3

**MORRISTOWN** — Church Women United, May Fellowship Service recognizing our Jubilee year will be held 10:30 p.m. Presbyterian Parish House 65 South St. For information call 538-5952.

**PLAINFIELD** — Church Women United, May Fellowship Day event with the theme "Journey towards Jubilee year heralds CWU's accomplishments as a major player in shaping the churches' role in the Civil Rights Movement, the Peace Movement and the Women's Movement. Held at Grace Episcopal Church, 600 Cleveland Avenue. For information call 908-769-0522.

SATURDAY, MAY 4

**VAUXHALL** — Benefit concert for Rev. Elmer L. Williams Minister's Fund to aid students seeking to attend or are attending an accredited Bible College or Theological Seminary. Held at First Baptist church, 5 Hillman Avenue, at 6 p.m. Dr. Marion J. Franklin, Jr., Pastor. For information call 687-3414.

FRIDAY, MAY 10

**PLAINFIELD** — The United Methodist Women of the First United Methodist Church will hold their "Turnover Sale" today from 9 to 2 p.m. and Saturday from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Fellowship Hall, 631 East Front Street. Good new and used adults and children's clothing, household items, jewelry, toys, novelties and more. Plus a snack bar. For information call 908-757-7855.

SATURDAY, MAY 18

**NEW YORK** — McDonald's Gospel-Fest semi-final competition at Antioch Baptist Church on West 126th Street in Harlem. For information call 212-527-8800.

SUNDAY, MAY 19

**PLAINFIELD** — First Unitarian Society will hold "Veepers For Peace" services at 4 p.m., 724 Park Avenue. For information call 908-757-0750.

FRIDAY, JUNE 14

**NEW YORK** — McDonald's Gospel-Fest final competition and concert at Carnegie Hall. For information call 212-527-8800.

SUNDAY, JUNE 16

**PRINCETON** — First Unitarian Society will hold "Veepers For Peace" services at 4 p.m., 50 Cherry Hill Road. For information call 201-756-0750.

## Gospel music fund raiser

**PLAINFIELD** — The Shiloh Evangelistic Youth Choir (SEYC) Young Voice of Shiloh (YVS) Presents A Gospel Appreciation for Gary Kirkwood, Pastor, "for Ten Years Dedication at 121-23 New Street, Plainfield, NJ on May 24, 1991 at 7:30 p.m. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m.

The Youth Choir will present a concert at 7:30 p.m. along with special guests, Prater Co. Workshop Choir and Minister Troy Bright. Other guests will include Deborah Pearyer, Theresa Edelen, Lance Williams, Sharon Weekley (FTC) and many, many more. The Mistress of Ceremonies will be Evangelist Tiny Luckus.

Tickets can be purchased at \$7 - \$9 at the door 120 West 7th Street, Church Office (next door to



Gary Kirkwood

PSE&G Plainfield, 753-6767 or contact Georgia Logan 754-9283 for more information.

## 'True' Story of Cinderella



Mark Miller

**PLAINFIELD** — On May 5 at 3 p.m., Mark Miller, organist and choir director will sing the part of the King's Herald in the comic opera "The True" Story of Cinderella" with words and music by the late Warren Martin. Martin was head of virtually every department at Westminster Choir College and was often referred to as a genius.

This production, with twelve solo voices, will be presented at the First United Methodist Church, 631 East Front Street as a Benefit of the organ fund.

## Homestead rebate help

**PLAINFIELD** — The Plainfield Senior Citizen's Center will sponsor irco Preparation of the New Jersey Homestead Rebate application on Thursday, May 9, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Both

homeowners and tenants may be eligible for rebates of up to \$500. Preparations will be performed on a first come first serve basis. Tenants should bring the name and address of their landlords and amount of rent paid in 1990. Homeowners should bring their most recent tax bills showing the lot and block number of their homes, and the amount of property tax they paid in 1990.

Call the Senior Citizen's Center at 753.3506 to register.

## Bethany to hold Revival

**ENGLEWOOD** — The Margaret L. Brown Second Annual Memorial Spring Revival will be held Wednesday through Friday, May 15-17 at 7:15 p.m. at Bethany Presbyterian Church, 62 Palisade Avenue, corner of William Street and Palisade Avenue. The guest speaker will be Reverend Mel McKoy of Mount Zion Baptist Church of Westwood. The Mount Zion and three outstanding local choirs will also participate in the revival. All are welcome. For further information please call 201-569-5248.

## Rehearsals for 'Guys & Dolls' begin

**PLAINFIELD** — Gamblers, marmos dolls and night club dancers have been showing up at Temple Emanuel-EI in Westfield and St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Plainfield, and no one is complaining.

In fact, many are cheering as rehearsals for the church and temple's production of "Guys & Dolls," get underway.

In both the church and the temple, rehearsals have had to compete with religious school classes, choir practice, youth group meetings and a Purim Festival, but remarkable progress is being made.

Sergeant Sarah Brown of the Save-A-Soul Mission and Sky Masterson rehearse love duets in one room. Gamblers practice the big "Luck Be A Lady Tonight" song game in another. And in a third, the Hot Box dancers go through the intricate steps to "Hushel and a Peck."

To catch the delightful end results of so much hard work, you need just set aside some time on May 9, 11, or 12 at 7:30 p.m. or 2 p.m. on May 12. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for seniors, students, and children; and \$25 for patrons.

They may be purchased at The Leader Shop, Broad St. at Quinley Street Book Shop in Westfield, Coach's Locker Room, 1040 South Avenue in Plainfield, or by calling Temple Emanuel-EI, 232-5770 or St. Mark's Church, 754-9483.

All proceeds from the play will benefit the Interfaith Council for the Homeless of Union County and ARK's housing rehabilitation program.

"Guys and Dolls" is being produced by ARK, the Association for Rehabilitation with Kindness, the organization formed four years ago by members of St. Mark's Episcopal Church and Temple Emanuel-EI to rehabilitate selected houses in Plainfield for those who, because of poor health or age, are unable to make the necessary repairs. An application for home repair may be obtained by calling St. Mark's Church, 754-9483.



Dancers rehearse for the St. Mark's Episcopal Church/Temple Emanuel-EI production of 'Guys and Dolls' produced by ARK, the Association for Rehabilitation with Kindness.

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## BILLBOARD

THURSDAY, MAY 2

**PLAINFIELD**—Echoes of Ellington at Grant Avenue Community Center, 407 W. 7th St. through May 5. Info. call 908-561-1023.

**NEW YORK**—Rasmo "Kronos" 10-part, weekly music series, by the Kronos Quartet, debuts from 10-11 p.m. on WNYC-FM 93.3 through May 30. For more info contact Joe Berkebile at 212-697-7743.

FRIDAY, MAY 3

**BLOOMFIELD**—The Multicultural Library: The Way of the Future, College of Williamstown Theatre, Franklin and Front Sts., from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. For more information call 508-862-0000, ext. 337.

**PISCATAWAY**—Circle Players presents Agatha Christie's "A Murderer is Anounced," directed by Joyce Chrysler from May through May 18 at 416 Victoria House. For more information call 908-968-7255.

**NEWARK**—Newark MediaWorks presents "Red Sorghum, People's Republic of China 1987," directed by Zhang Yimou at Aljira, 2 Washington Pl. at Broad St., 4th floor at 5:45 and 8:30 p.m. For more information call Aljira, 201-643-6877.

**WAYNE**—Wayne Chamber Orchestra concert joined by jazz Supremacy at Farm at William Paterson College of NJ, Shea Center. Tickets for the 8 p.m. concert are \$15, \$10 for students and senior citizens. For more information call Shea Center at 201-555-2721.

SATURDAY, MAY 4

**HACKETTSTOWN**—An open house and senior expo with tours, entertainment and afternoon tea will be held by the Health Village Retirement Community, Schooley Mills Rd., from 1-4 p.m. For more information call 908-852-4801.

**MOUNTAINSIDE**—The gala annual Candlelight Ball sponsored by the Association for Retarded Citizens (ARC) Union County at the L'Afraine, Route 22 East, will honor Woodstock Corporation with its prestigious Humanitarian Award at 8 p.m. Admission is \$65 a person. For more information contact Vicki Hart, 201-322-8504.

**NEWARK**—Essex County College will host a Community Art & Music Festival sponsored by The Woodson Foundation from 12-4 p.m. at 12 p.m. Alton Marketplace, 1 p.m. Art Exhibit ("Speaking in Tongues/Color"), 2 p.m. performance Voices of the Po, Pan Jersey Steel Orchestra, Larry Riley/Jazz Legacy, Women's Salsa Ensemble and Sister Salsa & the Ponce Blues. For more information contact 201-242-6500.

SUNDAY, MAY 5

**NEWARK**—All Seasons Chamber Players' earlier in Spring at the Newark Public Library at 3:00 p.m. in Centennial Hall. Admission is free. More information call 201-733-7783.

**NEWARK**—The Greater Newark Youth Orchestra will perform at Newark Symphony Hall, Second Floor Theatre at 8 p.m. Admission is free. For further information, contact the Symphony office weekdays 10-4 p.m. at 201-529-0265.

**NEW BRUNSWICK**—The New Jersey Symphony Orchestra's Gala Benefit concert at the New Brunswick Convention Center, 19 Livingston Ave., at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$10 for General Admission and \$5 for students and senior citizens. For further information, contact the Symphony office weekdays 10-4 p.m. at 201-529-0265.

## CITY LIFE

## New Horizons

by Beverly Pearljoy Green

In a quest to find jazz, fun and tranquility, each year, throngs of vacationing professionals head down to the land of seemingly endless creamy white sand-drenched beaches by day and shimmering moonlit beaches by night. The land of glistening aquamarine waters, which cast white foamed waves that beckon to bathe you. Under the brilliant blue skies of beautiful Barbados, they flock, for their annual Barbados/Caribbean Jazz Festival presented by the National Cultural Foundation. This year the venues will be showcased from May 23-May 26, 1991, in Bridgetown.

According to Dr. Elliot Parris, Director of the National Cultural Foundation, Caribbean Jazz is alive in Barbados. "For the past 26 years, the Foundation has endeavored to bring Barbados to the audiences an annual package of exciting and innovative jazz presentations."

"To crown it all," Parris points out, "We are honored that internationally renowned musical artists, Dave Valentine, Roy Haynes, Jimmy Heath, and Cecil Payne, to name a few, have chosen to grace us with their patronage. We hope that they, and all jazz lovers will find that Barbados is the place to be every year the last weekend in May."

Barbados, the eastern most island in the Caribbean, is just 596 miles northeast of Caracas, Venezuela. Most Bajans are black, however, roughly 5 percent are white Bajans and other immigrants. The official language is English although the rural Bajan dialect can be complex and requires a keen ear to comprehend.

Where to stay  
Last year the swank Grand Barbados Beach Hotel and Resort, perched on Carlisle Bay, just one mile from Bridgetown, the pulses of commerce and the capital of Barbados, was the host hotel for some of the visitors who travelled from around the world to enjoy the jazz vespers.

The Grand Barbados offers its guests complimentary room cruises on its own 35ft Trimaran named, "The Free Spirit." Snorkeling, select music, sparkling waters, whistling, trade-winds, along with unlimited rum cocktails are

all ingredients for a fantastic afternoon gala.

Within walking distance of the Grand Barbados Beach Hotel is the elegant Hilton Hotel. Their guests are privy to a dazzling island floor show while dining. A stroll along their powdery soft white coral sand beach is customary after dinner.

The fabulous Sandy Lane Hotel & Golf Club is nestled on one of the most extraordinarily beautiful beaches on the exclusive West Coast of Barbados, just 15 minutes from Bridgetown.

## Dining

Among the premier restaurants are, Brown Sugar with its walking distance of the Grand Barbados and the Hilton, also the exclusive Jose's on St. Lawrence Gap. These dining salons boast an ambience and cuisine of unmatched sophistication. The Schooner Restaurant located on the pier of the Grand Barbados offers a dramatic view of Carlisle Bay. They serve beautiful lunch and dinner buffets. At night when the pier is lit up they are tranquilized by fish coming in to feed. Fried flying fish topped with a dab of Bajan hot pepper is a favorite delicacy in Barbados.

## What to Do

Should you have time between concerts, there is a multitude of cultural attractions to enjoy in Barbados. Among them is the colorful and festive island dinner show performed at the Barbados Museum, "1627 And All That," a dance portrayal of the African influence on Bajan Culture from the year 1627. The museum, housed in the old military premises of the British garrison, exhibits a fascinating display of various art styles and artifacts. Most of the galleries are former prison cells some donning their original doors. The museum's open air courtyard is a perfect backdrop for cultural activities including concerts and plays. Dinner, show, transportation and refreshments are inclusive in the cost of 40 American dollars.

The statue of "The Freed Slave" commemorates the 150th anniversary of emancipation erected by renowned sculptor Karl Brodgaard. Standing in the center of a traffic circle, this is a

## In search of Jazz in Barbados

larger than life figure of a man with his arms upraised, head thrown back and broken chains dangling from his wrists. The statue invokes a resurgence of pride and the realization of how precious freedom is!

Harrison's cave is a fascinating cave of crystal stalactites, underground streams and a forty foot underground waterfall. A tram takes you through these underground caverns. The Atlantis Submarine dives to a depth of 150 feet to explore the living coral reef and exotic marine life.

## Nightlife

There will be four different jazz venues that promise to bring to the crowd explosive energy and excitement while performing jazz reminiscent of old jazz masters like Duke Ellington and Count Basie with a touch of Caribbean. Indoor concerts will be held at Frank Colomero Hall in Bridgetown and, at the posh nightclub, After Dark, on St. Lawrence Gap, the nucleus of

nightlife in Barbados. Outdoor concerts will be held at Independence Square in Bridgetown in addition to a star-lit concert at sea aboard "The Bajan Queen," a party boat.

Concert tickets are 20 American dollars for each event. Passes are available for all festival events can purchased for 50 American dollars.

At the concerts and for a truly ethnic experience you must go to Baxter Road, the street that doesn't sleep, for some mouth-watering grilled dolphin fish. Local entrepreneurs grill the fish roadside on home-made pits. Locally brewed Banks Beer and dolphin fish are consumed on the spot. This is a tradition among Bajans after they finish partying.

It is no wonder Barbados is referred to as "the warmest welcome in the Caribbean." There are not enough accolades to express the warmth, kindness and congeniality of Bajans. "I'm really impressed by their attitudes," explains Lorraine Lewis, adver-

tising executive, while visiting last year's festival. "Their country is not as wealthy as ours but they seem so much happier and absent of stress." Albert and Michelle Mitchell gave away every few months to balance the pressures and demands of their law practice. "We've had the time of our lives," chimed the Mitchell's. "The food was great, especially Jose's. It has a touch of class." The Mitchell's conclude, "Everybody should go to Barbados for the Caribbean Jazz Festival."

Things You Need To Know

Documents required to enter Barbados are a passport or picture ID such as a driver's license and proof of citizenship such as an original birth certificate. Your registration is not accepted.

The present currency exchange is 1.98 Barbadian dollars for 1.00 U.S. Dollars. American money is accepted throughout the island. Be certain to save \$10.00 U.S. or \$20.00 BBD for your departure tax.

## George Walker to conclude OnStage in New Jersey Series

NEWARK—The Music of George Walker featuring pianist Frances Walker-Slocum, soloists from Opera Elysia and the Chamaine String will cap off the Carter G. Woodson Foundation 1991 OnStage in New Jersey performance series. Composer/pianist George Walker is a New Jersey living legend who resides in Monclair. Over the past fifty years he has composed classical works for his major orchestras in the New York Philharmonic.

Walker now has a vast composition repertoire and an equally impressive list of awards and contributions to the music profession. His works have been commissioned by the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, the Eastman School of Music and The Boston Symphony and the Cleveland Orchestra. He is per-

haps, one of New Jersey's best kept secrets.

"Lyric For Strings," written by Walker in 1946, was recently performed live on the Arts & Entertainment Channel from the Academy of Music with Conductor Richard Muld. The New Jersey Symphony Orchestra also performed his works this past January.

Walker's craft was his passport to Stax world. After completing an undergraduate degree with high honors at Oberlin College in Ohio, he went abroad to study piano, composition, chamber and other music forms in France. It was in 1957, while Walker studied in Paris as a Fulbright fellow, that he received accolades and words of encouragement to pursue composition from the renowned instructor Nadia Boulanger.



George Walker

Walker's performance will be Sunday, June 9, 3 p.m. at the Newark Museum.

## RADIOSCOPE...THE COLUMN

**TOP STORIES: R&B BAD BOYS SAY THEY OWE THEIR SUCCESS TO GO YOUNG M.C. LOSES OUT EASY-E, HOBNOBS WITH REPUBLICAN BIG-WIGS**  
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**R&B Nasty Boys Say They Owe It All To Go** Most celebrities have a public image, easily recognized by their fans. In Guy's case, they're the kings of "New Jack Swing". Super hitmakers who's pumping jams "My Fantasy", "Groove Me", and "Wanna Get With You" have some erotic lyrics that probably got more than one fan grooving and all steamed up. But offstage, Teddy Riley, Damon Hall, and Aaron Hall, say they're deeply religious. And even though their success has come from songs carrying heavy sexual overtones, they say the Lord's on their side—if he's wakened they couldn't have made it this far. And what may be, Guy's conviction that the Lord approves of the group's raucy material, is a claim that a great many churchgoers just might take issue with. That's if the uproar over Teddy Riley's collaboration with the Winans on "Return" is any indication. Still, the trio seems to think it's okay, and in fact, believe that their success is a gift from the Almighty. Guy was accused of taking on the Winans' group as a way of making money. Ironically, they never got a penny for doing the project due to legal disputes with ex-manager Gene Griffin and his company. Like a lot of R&B singers, Guy started off in the church. Fact is, Aaron and Damon's father is a minister. Aaron feels that many church goers don't need to be worrying with Guy's lyrics. He says some of those sanctified souls are just frontin'. In the meantime, group members concede that the recent success of their third album "The Future", featuring the smash hit "I Wanna Get With You" and "Let's Chill", was definitely an answer to their prayers. "The Future" reached the top five on the R&B charts and it's their first album to rank in the top twenty on the pop charts. Guy is currently working on their summer tour, scheduled to start sometime in June. There's even talk of an upcoming collaboration with Michael Jackson. But we'll just have to wait and see whether or not billion dollar Mike is gonna "get with" the New Jack Swing. As for their convictions, they've got some strong opinions about the church and they've managed to strike a balance between their religious views and their sexy music. All they've got to do now is gear up and get ready for "The Future".

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### WEDNESDAY, MAY 1

**PASSPORT**—North Jersey Business Show at the Aspen Hotel through the 2nd will provide attendees with resources to prosper in today's economy. For information call 201-837-6000.

**NEWARK**—NJ Bell hosts special event for fundraisers. Talking to Funders. For time, location and information call 643-5774.

**UNION**—Adult Advisory Services, a community service of Kean College is offering free morning & evening workshops for Adults considering re-entering college. For information, re-orientation call 527-2210.

### FRIDAY, MAY 3

**JAMESBURG**—Bringing "Eggs 'N' Issues" Registration 7:45 a.m., Breakfast & Program 8 a.m., Adjournment 10:30 a.m. Holiday Inn, Exit 8A NJ Turnpike. For information contact NJ State Chamber of Commerce.

### TUESDAY, MAY 7

**MORRISTOWN**—Bringing "Eggs 'N' Issues" Registration 7:45 a.m., Breakfast & Program 8 a.m., Adjournment 10:30 a.m. Governor Morris Inn, 2 Whippany Rd. For information contact NJ State Chamber of Commerce.

### FRIDAY, MAY 10

**NEWARK**—Financial Management Skills for the Small Business. Engelhardt Hall, Rm 215E, 32 New St. \$15 checks payable to Rutgers Univ. must be mailed with registration form. For information call 648-5550.

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### THURSDAY, MAY 16

**CERRY HILL**—Motivating the Workforce 2000, 9:10-10:30 a.m. Find out how to motivate a diverse workforce, while maintaining your competitive edge. Cherry Hill Industrial Park, Freeway Bldg. #14, Eastbrook & Springfield Fds. \$25 advance registration, \$30 same day registration. For more information call 609-227-7200 ext 273, or 800-356-9963.

by William Reed

(NNPA) — After the Civil Rights Bill of 1991 is vetoed by the Bush White House millions of African-Americans will get up from their l.v. sets and talk incessantly to each other about "how unfair things are for us in this country." When the "color-blind" leaders of our society show how consistent they are in being inconsistent when it comes to rights for America's blacks, people of color, who are mostly un-and-underemployed, will mean between each other about "what bad things are" for a while and then go back to business as usual. Although we are at the end of the pack, we continue to "accept" this as the natural order of things in America.

After President Bush lifts the economic sanctions imposed on South Africa by the Comprehensive Anti-Apartheid Act of 1986, TransAfrica, and others in that industry, will gear up their print

media releases and electronic sound bites. African-Americans will get up from their Sony's and lobby, march and sit-in to get rights due to people of color 10,000 miles from these shores. The question of "why are Blacks Americans so vocal on rights for blacks in South Africa and quiet on issues of basic rights for themselves?" is one that can only be answered in the hearts and activities of the people of color living between the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans.

After Bush, and his aids, vote against laws that would protect domestic minorities and women against what is a proven pattern of employment discrimination we will then be absolved from civil responsibilities for ourselves and can then go back to accepting the highest rates of unemployment in the country. We can talk to each other as much as we want that a president does not play black managers and professionals in all sectors of the American workplace. However, few of us will

discuss that four times more of our youth are in jail here than in South Africa specifically due to the inferior education and career opportunities that we've accepted as the natural order of things. Don't we know that we show the world our own pattern of inconsistency when we get mad as hell about the lack of U.S. effort in driving the Afrikaners of South Africa into the ocean and don't agitate for our own needs here?

Do we have our own process of constructive engagement to obtain rights and wishes due us? Why do we have to wait for someone to tell us to get mad about an issue before we will take action? Why is it that we are able to routinely accept the lame premise of "colorblindness" in boardrooms, offices and plants here but would never acquiesce to the same in the Horn of Africa? When it comes to "charity beginning at home" why do we abstain from action?

While we accept the natural order of things, few blacks in de-

cision-making capacities in the White House or the Congress, we loudly demand that these "liberals" intervene for black rights miles and miles away. While Black American groups have marched much for the blacks of South Africa, our bottom line record of contributions to them resembles the inertness of our own domestic campaigns. The movement inside South Africa has received less in funds and human capital from African-Americans than from European, Asian or even Australian groups. The results, here and there, are the same: a better line than we actually do.

If minorities and women are to advance in the American workplace we should be discussing that the Civil Rights Act

of 1991, H.R. 1, is one of the most important pieces of employment legislation to be considered by Congress and the President in many years. Passage of the bill would send a vital and legal message to employers that employment discrimination will not be tolerated any longer. If we don't talk outside our group to encourage our political representatives, senators, and business organizations to support H.R. 1, we should be prepared to accept the consequences of our inaction.

For a listing of the business and political pressure points we should push to obtain passage of the Civil Rights Act, send a self-addressed envelope to: Who is Who for Civil and Business Rights, 515 16th Street, SE, Suite #1, Washington, D.C. 20003.

## Business in the Black...

### The Treasury turmoil Reagan-era robbers got rich and ran away, taxpayers holding an empty bag.

by Charles E. Belle

(NNPA) — You wouldn't want to call him a "poor little rich boy." In fact, Nicholas F. Brady, the 68th U.S. Secretary of the Treasury is neither poor nor little. He is, however, very rich. He came by it honestly he inherited it from his father. Nevertheless, he is far from being a spoiled uneducated brat like another appointed member of the current White House leadership. The Honorable holder of the keys to the Federal trough is a tall man who made the passing grade at my alma mater, the Graduate School of Business Administration, Harvard University. However, even members of his own party behind his back that he should be shoved upstairs, if not off the balcony.

Balancing a Federal Government budget has been an unenviable job for this and the past Republican administrations. And in the end, some clown has got to take

the fall for it. "The case for reform" of the U.S. financial system which Secretary Brady spoke of before the Commonwealth Club of California at the St. Francis Hotel in San Francisco suffers from lack of support even from the Secretary's own political party. Blaming others for the problem while your party is in power and trying to stay there is not very bright. Bringing the entire U.S. to the conclusion that Brady says we need a new "modern" world class financial services system in the U.S., then a new broom must sweep clean.

Secretary Brady is not at all blame for all the bad news about the U.S. financial situation, but he is currently in charge of cleaning up the mess. Monetary cost of \$41.500 billion and Gulf War \$50 billion. Mr. Brady was joined on the podium with a few personal friends, namely former Secretary of State, and Mayor George Schuch. Since the former President of the World Bank, A.W. Clausen was sitting at the opposite side of the head table from me, next to the chairman of a Japanese bank, and I next to a second Chairman of the Board of a Japanese owned bank, probably Brady was begging for bucks from friend or foe.

While the President is giving away \$2.6 billion to Poland, Brady cannot pay the Federal debt or fund anti-drug and drug crime programs. In fact, Brady freely admits, "that there is simply no bank insurance fund large enough to protect the taxpayer" from our total current bank failure possibility of \$2.8 trillion in deposits. Prior to the present and past Republican Presidents from 1942-80, the total number of bank failures in the U.S. was only 198 for 38 years! In 1989 alone, there were 206! After having discovered that African Americans had some money in a failing bank in New York's "Harlem," the administration announced and is attempting to implement a new policy of not protecting uninsured depositors in bank failures.

Failures in the U.S. bank system are not the only everyday headache of the Head of the Treasury. The need to borrow big bucks to finance the growing Federal budget deficit caused by additional expenditures for "Desert Storm" digs a deeper hole for the nation's number one bill payer. Pushing Brady out and bringing in a new loser makes better headlines, but not necessarily a solution to the United States financial woes. With the war over, all attention of this administration will be as the Secretary says, "to get this economy rolling again." A sure sign that any Secretary of the Treasury is committed to create an even bigger Federal deficit for the sake of re-election of the incumbent party. The turmoil at the Federal elections in November 1991, no matter who is the titular head,

## Ministers listen

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serve you and your membership." Prezaeu continued by assuring the group that "City National Bank is alive and here to stay. However, today more than ever your support is essential to help us sail safely through these turbulent seas and make us not only the premier African-American bank in the nation."

Prezaeu also alluded to the bank's goal of organizing meetings with other groups and individuals who have valuable relationships with the bank to also discuss the bank's need for depositors and investors.

In the midst of bank closings, City National Bank is aggressively broadening its windows of opportunity.



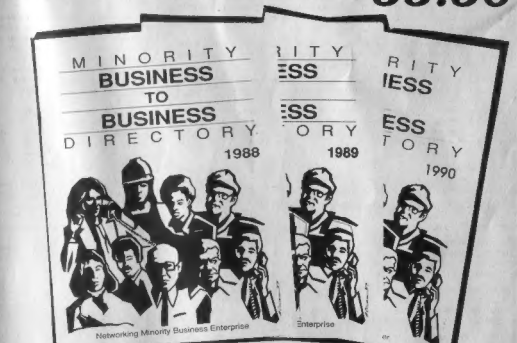
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## CITY SPORTS

## Glenwood Brown and the SSYC Boxing Team

### From Vietnam to Operation Desert Storm

by Fern Taylor

Plainfield's Second Street Youth Center Boxers are like the Vietnam Vet. They labored and labored in the ring, young boxers learning discipline while fighting and winning battles across the globe—only to arrive back home to Plainfield in relative obscurity, some even treated with disdain by the locals.

Just like Vietnam. No honor and little respect at home. Only a few relatives and friends aware of the magnitude of their accomplishments and effort. Eventually the boxing center was shut down.

Welcome to Operation Desert Storm, Second Street boxers. A hero's welcome on the order of a Colia Powell celebration in the South Bronx was given to a couple of Second Street Boxers, Glenwood "The Real Beast" Brown and Tracy "Siam Bam" Spann this weekend in Plainfield. Guests spanning the world of boxing and entertainment were in attendance.

Sunday's event, sponsored by a coalition led by Plainfield Mayor Harold Mitchell and Police Sergeant Steve Jordan, honored both Brown and Spann, both number-one ranked title contenders from Plainfield and the SSYC boxing team. On Monday Brown, who will be challenging Simon Brown for the world welterweight title on the undercard of the heavyweight rematch between Mike Tyson and Razor Ruddock, was honored by hundreds of young people and star-struck celebrities at Plainfield High School in an event sponsored by Rick Taylor, Chief Executive Officer of the Second Street Youth Center foundation.

"My motivation was very basic," said Taylor in a recent interview. "Part of my job description is to create the environment for

positive change in the neighborhood. The SSYC boxing team was an outstanding vehicle for young people to use. I knew many of the boxers, like Albert Steel Mills. I've been impressed with their discipline, and the way they have conducted themselves.

"They bought a lot of fame not only to the center, but to the entire city and the entire state. Because Glenwood was a product of Plainfield and of the Plainfield public schools system, it was natural for us to honor the young brother."

And honor him they did. Some of the names who were scheduled to appear: The legendary "Smokin' Joe" Frazier, Bobby Cuz and his Plainfield bred manager, Tommy Parks. Bob Lee, Larry Hazzard, Ray Mercer, Alfred "Ice" Cole and Charles "The Natural" Murray from Triple Threat in Newark. Milt Campbell. Not to mention Second Street Title Contenders Adam Garland and Tracy Spann. Right there at Plainfield High.

"It's good to let our students know that boxers are gentlemen, they are human beings, they can

deal with serious subjects," comments Taylor. "Whether we like it or not, entertainers and athletes always seem to monopolize public opinion, and they always have a way of generating public support."

Public support will be needed to fulfill Taylor's goal of re-establishing a Second Street Youth Center Boxing Club under the direction of Albert "Steel" Mills.

"Larry Hazzard once said that for Plainfield to have produced the caliber of boxers in a town this size is truly remarkable." It is obviously a testimony to John Davenport and his vision and leadership, which cannot be forgotten. It obviously indicates that kind of tenacity Glenwood has. Brown will need every bit of that tenacity against Simon Brown, who many consider to be the toughest welterweight on the planet.

Win or lose, Brown and the other boxers from Second Street won't have to worry about the reception at home. While late in coming, the SSYC boxers have shown that good things do come to those who wait.

## Lack of youth facilities still plagues Plainfield

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young people, police sensitivity training and better response time from the police. In the past many of the facilities (such as the Neighborhood House or Grant Ave. Community Center) would have activities that kids from the community could participate in, now some of these places are used exclusively for day care services etc. The community feels that less kids would be on the street getting into altercations with the police if there were

other things to occupy their time. sensitivity training should be part of a new recruits general training in the field and that other officers should also have training periodically. The last issue was that some residents on the west side of the city were complaining about the slow response time when they call into the station.

"I hope that this report will help to promote harmony within the community, and make each side more sensitive to each other's position, Morgan said.

## Freeholders Honor East Side High School Basketball Team



NEWARK—At ceremonies held at the Hall of Records in Newark last week, the East Side High School Basketball Team was honored by the Essex County Board of Chosen Freeholders for its outstanding basketball season. The Red Raider team, led by Head Coach Raymond Malanga and Assistant Coaches Peter Rubas, Zike Tosun and James Spadevechi, had its best win-loss record in school history this year, with a season record of 21 wins and 7 losses. The Red Raiders won the 1990 Newark Christmas Tournament and were semifinalists in the Essex County Tournament. This year's team included Carlo Walton, who was chosen to the 1st Team All Essex County and 2nd Team All State Group IV; Shelby Walton; Earl Cox; Shakil Miller; Bobby Irbry; Andre Williams; Tony Brown; Joseph Knight; Dennis Hicks; Althreke Oliver and Mike Soto.

Shown at ceremonies at the Hall of Records in Newark are the coaches and members of the East Side High School Red Raiders Basketball Team. Essex County Freeholder Board Vice President James Cavanaugh (far left) and Freeholder Board President Joseph C. Parlatavechio, (second from right) were on hand to honor the team for an outstanding season.

## NHA breaks new ground

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to be completed in September 1992, began in the South Ward at the Bergen and Madison sites. The other 14 units will be built in the Central Ward at Quinman Street and Muhammed Ali Avenue. The remaining 1,677 low-rise townhouse units are to be built in scattered sites all over the city during this five-year period.

"This is an historic occasion not only for the NHA, but for public housing all over the country," Dr. Blue said. "In tough economic times, we are moving ahead. While others say it can't be done, it gets done."

A unique feature of the construction of these units is that the townhouses will be integrated into the residential community, virtually indistinguishable from the existing structures.

The Serenity Redevelopment Corporation, a Kinnelon, N.J.-based developer, will handle the construction, with Day & Zimmerman, Inc. acting as manager. The developer will be using a turnkey method of construction,

meaning that all phases of the project must be completed, and approved by the NHA, before the firm will be paid. The firm must also comply with a minimum of 30 percent minority participation in the construction.

"The NHA is on of the few housing authorities in the country building new, low income housing," Dr. Blue said. "This ground breaking is the start of a new era at the Newark Housing Authority, an era of getting it done, an era of rededication to our residents, and an era of hope."

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